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SUBJECT: "CARABANCHEL TEN TRIAL"

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1. LEOPOLDO TORRES BOURSALT, CHIEF LAWYER ASSISTING RUIZ
GIMENEZ IN TRIAL, AND JAIME GIL ROBLES, CHIEF LAWYER
ASSISTING HIS FATHER JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES, TOLD
EMB LABATT THAT, AS OF NOW, THE "CARABANCHEL TEN" TRIAL
OF NINE REPORTED COMMUNISTS AND ONE PRIEST IS SCHEDULED
TO BE AN OPEN TRIAL, BUT LAST MINUTE POSSIBILITY GOVERNMENT
MIGHT SHIFT IT TO A CLOSED TRIAL NOT PRECLUDED. LATTER
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POSSIBILITY CONSIDERED LIKELY IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT

DISORDERS BETWEEN NOW AND TRIAL, OR DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE COURT ON DECEMBER 20 DATE OF TRIAL. AUTHORITIES WILL ALSO IN THEIR OPINION, CLEAR COURTROOM OF PUBLIC AND HOLD REMAINDER OF TRIAL BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IF ANY ATTEMPTS AT DISORDERS INSIDE COURTROOM OCCUR.

2. DESPITE FACT TRIAL SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN, THIS DOES NOT MEAN ALL THOSE DESIRING BE PRESENT WILL GET INTO COURTROOM. PRESENCE IN COURTROOM OF 10 DEFENDENTS, SOME 20-30 DEFENSE LAWYERS (PRINCIPAL DEFENDING LAWYERS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS), VARIOUS LAWYERS, AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN PROSECUTION, NUMEROUS WITNESSES, VARIOUS RELATIVES OF THOSE ON TRIAL, MEMBERS OF SPANISH PRESS PLUS MANY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED IN MADRID, ETC., WILL LEAVE LITTLE SPACE IN CROWDED COURTROOM AT JUSTICE BUILDING FOR ACCESS BY GENERAL PUBLIC, WHICH WILL HAVE TO QUEUE FOR POSSIBLE EMPTY COURTROOM SEATS.

3. THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND, IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO TAKE THEIR CHANCES ON WAITING IN LINE WITH GENERAL PUBLIC, HAVE TO CONTACT JOSE FRANCISCO MATEU GENOVES, PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC ORDER, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, CALLE MARQUES DE LA ENSENADA, MADRID. IT WAS UP TO PRESIDENT MATEU AS HE SEES FIT TO GRANT SPECIAL PERMISSION IN EACH CASE TO FOREIGN AND OTHER OBSERVERS FOR PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO A SEAT, THUS ELIMINATING HAVING TO WAIT IN LINE. GIL ROBLES AND TORRES BELIEVE HE WILL GRANT SUCH PREFERENTIAL ENTRY IN THIS TRIAL SO AS NOT TO UNNECESSARILY FURTHER PROVOKE INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

4. USUAL MANNER IN WHICH FOREIGNERS ARE OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO COURTROOM, HOWEVER, IS THROUGH PERSONAL REQUESTS TO DIFFERENT DEFENSE LAWYERS, WHO ARE THEN PERSONALLY OBTAINING THE PERMISSION FROM PRESIDENT MATEU. TORRES SAID THAT ONLY TODAY HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONIC REQUEST FROM PARIS TO SEEK ACCESS FOR FOUR UNSPECIFIED FRENCH OBSERVERS (WHOM HE BELIEVED ARE FRENCH LAWYERS AND POSSIBLY TRADE UNIONISTS) AND PLANS TO OBTAIN THIS PERMISSION FROM MATEU TODAY.

5. TORRES ALSO SAID THAT FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL
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RAMSEY CLARK, WHO WAS HERE ON DECEMBER 12-13 AND CONVERSED WITH RUIZ GIMENEZ AND GIL ROBLES, PROMISED RUIZ GIMENEZ THAT EITHER HE WOULD PERSONALLY RETURN TO MADRID TO REPRESENT U.S. "1001 CASE" COMMITTEE AT TRIAL OR THAT HE WOULD SEND SOME OTHER PROMINENT U.S. PERSONALITY IN HIS PLACE. RUIZ GIMENEZ HAS THUS UNDERTAKEN TO GET PERMISSION FOR CLARK OR ANOTHER U.S. "1001 CASE" COMMITTEE STAND-IN FOR A SEAT AT TRIAL.

6. FURTHER ASPECTS OF "1001 CASE" AS ELICITED FROM TORRES
AND GIL ROBLES REPORTES SEPTEL.
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